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YERINGTON MINE RECLAMATION UPDATE

Nevada praises the City, County and Tribe for collaborating to improve the process of mine cleanup in Yerington

CARSON CITY— The State of Nevada, through the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, and in cooperation with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Atlantic Richfield Corp. (ARCO), has worked to oversee long-term reclamation of the Anaconda Mine site in Yerington, Nev.

The State praises Lyon County, the City of Yerington and the Yerington Paiute Tribe on their effort to work collaboratively as stakeholders in the Yerington Mine reclamation. The joint proposal of these parties to request an EPA section 106 designation for the project will be taken under advisement. The State has a strong working relationship with EPA and BLM and will consider process revisions as appropriate. As a matter of general policy, the State strives to avoid duplication of effort among government agencies and to deliver services at a level closest to the people affected.

Recently, the BLM announced a change in project management responsibility from the Carson City Field Office to the Nevada State Office. NDEP works well with the BLM State Office and anticipates that this relationship will continue as the agencies move forward on the Yerington Mine reclamation project.

As the coordinating agency, NDEP remains focused on results and will continue to make every effort to ensure that prompt action is taken to address immediate threats to public health and the environment. Significant progress has been made in understanding the nature of the problems at the site, mitigating known hazards and formulating plans to address longer-term issues. Presently, ARCO has committed contractors to collect soil samples in the process area with an estimated project analysis cost of \$1 million. This is just one of numerous remediation management unit plans in progress at the site.

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